

News Briefs

RESCON down day

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has declared Monday as a wing down day for the more than 30 consecutive days without any driving-under-the-influence citations.

DUI checkpoints

DUI checkpoints will be in various locations throughout the Eifel region this weekend. Sobriety tests will be performed at these checkpoints.

Estate claims

Anyone having claims against the estate of Airman First Class Erik I. Salazar, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection specialist, can call Capt. Paul Waite, 52nd CES summary courts officer at 452-5540 or e-mail him at paul.waite@spangdahlem.af.mil. People with claims against Senior Airman Timothy R. Alford, 52nd CES fire protection specialist can call Capt. Allen Kelly, 52nd CES Explosive Ordnance Device flight commander at 452-6266 or e-mail him at allen.kelly@spangdahlem.af.mil. Airmen Salazar and Alford died Aug. 1.

Induction ceremony

The senior NCO induction ceremony takes place Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. for cocktails, and 7 p.m. for dinner in Club Eifel. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday. Call squadron first sergeants for tickets. The event honors all Spangdahlem AB and geographically-separated-unit master sergeant selects who will be formally inducted into the SNCO core.

52nd MDG closure

The 52nd Medical Group will be closed for training Aug. 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. People in need of emergency care should go to the Bitburg Annex emergency room. Call 452-8333 for more information.

Change of command

Lt. Col. John Specht relinquishes command of the 23rd Fighter Squadron to Lt. Col. William Woodcock Aug. 26 at 3:23 p.m. in Hangar 3.

Retiree activities office

The retiree activities office is now open at the Bitburg Annex, building 2011, room 228 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Friday and by appointment. The office acts as a liaison between the Air Force and retired Air Force personnel, to help active duty members transition to retired status and to help solve retirees' problems. The RAO is also looking for volunteers to help run the office. Retirees interested in receiving updates on retiree information should send an e-mail to 52fw.rao@spangdahlem.af.mil. For details, call Tech. Sgt. (ret.) Gary Hackl at 452-9424 or e-mail him at his global address.

Fashion police

Sabers must prepare their gear for AEF 7/8 this September. Do you know what to bring?

Check out "AEF's fall line," on p. 4



RESCON

BRAVO

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 2

Rank of last DUI: staff sergeant
Squadron of last DUI: 52nd LRS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 169 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron, 52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

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Master Sgt. John E. Lasky

'X' marks the spot

Staff Sgt. Bret Barlow, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, marshals in an F-16 Fighting Falcon returning from a mission here in July.

Team Eifel Airmen earn promotion, prepare to sew on SSgt stripe

Staff Reports

The Air Force selected 14,614 of 36,405 senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant.

This represented an overall 40.15 percent selection rate for the '05 E-5 cycle. The '04 E-5 promotion rate was 40.91.

Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically-separated units promoted 287 of 667 eligible senior airmen, for a 43.03 percent promotion rate.

The following, in alphabetical order, are the names of the senior airmen from Spangdahlem AB and its GSUs selected for staff sergeant.

52nd Fighter Wing

Brooke Brannon, 52nd FW Command Post; Julia Cox, 52nd FW/CP; and Amy Schmidt, 52nd Comptroller Squadron.

52nd Operations Group

Andrea Anderson, 606th Air Control Squadron; Patrick Angel, 606th ACS; Chenika Baker, 606th ACS; Michael Bartlett, 606th ACS; David Carnes, 606th ACS; Amy Dynan, 52nd Operation Support Squadron; Anicka Edwards, 606th ACS; Jessie Francois, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Joshua Gorman, 606th ACS; Steven Haro, 52nd OSS; Donald Hester, 606th ACS; Nikolas Jeffries, 606th ACS; Kriangsak Kohjararontham, 23rd FS; Roger Ledoux, 52nd OSS; Christopher Martin, 606th ACS; Kerchell Martin, 52nd Operations Group; Iuliana Meals, 52nd OSS; Carol Miller Jr., 606th ACS; Eric Oltmer, 52nd OSS; Randi Pastian, 52nd OSS; Keith Pierson, 606th ACS; Matthew Reid, 606th ACS; Carlos Rodriguez, 606th ACS; GianPierre Salazar, 606th ACS; Jody Samaniego, 606th ACS; Lisa Silva, 606th ACS; Camille Smith, 606th ACS; and Walter Storm, 606th ACS.

52nd Maintenance Group

Sharrod Albritton, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Eric Badrick, 52nd AMXS; James Bakoz, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Craig Barron, 52nd EMS; Michael Baucham, 52nd AMXS; Tyler Berensen, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Michael Bissett, 52nd EMS; Steven Brooker, 52nd EMS; Kevin Bryant, 52nd AMXS; Benjamin Caldwell, 52nd EMS; Phillip Chappell, 52nd EMS;

Jeremiah Clark, 52nd AMXS; Timothy Cook, 52nd AMXS; Gilbert Cordova, 52nd AMXS; Erik Courtney, 52nd EMS; Antonio Dais, 52nd EMS; John Dickson II, 52nd AMXS; Christina Dixon, 52nd EMS; Scott Duvall, 52nd CMS; Karri Earl, 52nd CMS; Randall Enderle, 52nd AMXS;

Thaddeus Fason, 52nd CMS; Steven Ferguson, 52nd AMXS; Travis Ferguson, 52nd AMXS; Heather Firth, 52nd EMS; Murrah Fowler, 52nd EMS; Steve Frasier, 52nd EMS; Travis Gamble, 52nd EMS; Ronald Grant Jr., 52nd AMXS; Derek Griggs, 52nd AMXS; Travis Groft, 52nd EMS; Matthew Harris, 52nd EMS; Salaam Harris, 52nd AMXS; William Hartley, 52nd CMS; Christopher Hatten, 52nd AMXS; Michael Hawkins, 52nd CMS; Brian Hawthorne, 52nd AMXS; Philip Hayes Jr., 52nd CMS; Collin Heine, 52nd AMXS; Christopher Hood, 52nd CMS; Edwin Huertas, 52nd AMXS; Nicholas Hulsey, 52nd EMS; Satin Joyner, 52nd EMS; Catherine Kauffman, 52nd EMS; Corey Kendrick, 52nd CMS; Serena Kimbrell, 52nd AMXS; Damien Kimbrough, 52nd CMS; Christopher Kirby, 52nd EMS; Brad Kisselbaugh, 52nd EMS; Christopher Koonce, 52nd CMS; Mark Kuhar, 52nd EMS; Jesse Lamouroux, 52nd AMXS; Cody Langager, 52nd EMS; Andrew Lehman, 52nd AMXS;



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Courtney Lehner, 52nd EMS; Luis Lopez, 52nd EMS; Brian Loston, 52nd AMXS; Christopher Maness, 52nd AMXS; Zachary Marquis, 52nd AMXS; Mat McDermott, 52nd AMXS; Brandon McGaha, 52nd MXG; Nicholes Meadows, 52nd EMS; Joseph Metoyer, 52nd AMXS; Edward Middleton, 52nd CMS; Stephan Mitchell, 52nd MXG; Scott Morin, 52nd EMS; Jeremy Morse, 52nd AMXS; Dustin Nantz, 52nd EMS; Andrew Niiranen, 52nd AMXS; Isaac Orona, 52nd EMS; Justin Ouellette, 52nd AMXS; Branden Paddock, 52nd EMS; Elliot Pawloski, 52nd EMS; Steven Peterson, 52nd EMS; Ronald Pitts, 52nd AMXS; Shaun Reed, 52nd EMS; Jeremy Rieschick, 52nd AMXS; Sean Riggs, 52nd AMXS; Carissa Robles, 52nd AMXS; Chris Rodriguez, 52nd AMXS; Jessie Rolon, 52nd AMXS; Jeffrey Ross, 52nd EMS; Alberto Ruiz, 52nd AMXS; Joseph Schescke, 52nd CMS; Anthony Scism, 52nd EMS; Christopher Serda, 52nd AMXS; Joshua Severson, 52nd AMXS; Charles Smith, 52nd CMS; Gregory Smith, 52nd MXG; Joshua Smith, 52nd EMS; Ryan Smith, 52nd AMXS; Matthew Spruit, 52nd AMXS; Aaron Stadelmaier, 52nd EMS; Travis Tarr, 52nd EMS; Adam Trigo, 52nd EMS; Odis Tucci, 52nd EMS; Marcia Vega, 52nd EMS; Tobin Walton, 52nd AMXS; Nicholas Weber, 52nd CMS; Nathan Weeks, 52nd EMS; Derek Wilkerson, 52nd AMXS; Judson Willis, 52nd EMS; Arthur Winship, 52nd AMXS; William Wojtylko, 52nd EMS; and Lee Zinn, 52nd EMS.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group *Geographically-separated units*

Timothy Bailey, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base; Jacquelyn Baker, NATO E-3A Airborne Early Warning Component, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen; Stacey Barker, 702nd MUNSS; Ruby Barrington, NATO AWACS; Jason Billingsley, 702nd MUNSS; Vanessa Brown, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base, Gelienkirchen; Ivin Bueso, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands; David Campbell, 702nd MUNSS; Saul Cardenas, 703rd MUNSS; Donald Carter Jr., 702nd MUNSS; Nicholas Davidson, 701st Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; Ryan Dawson, 701st MUNSS; Anthony Devoile, 702nd MUNSS; Nathan Frohne, 703rd MUNSS; James Gnau, 470th ABS; Luis Guzman, NATO AWACS; Joshua Hanks, 703rd MUNSS; Jowauna Hudson, 701st MUNSS; Steve Huntley, 702nd MUNSS; Altasia Johnson, NATO AWACS; James Jones, 701st MUNSS; Dorothy Jordan, 470th ABS; Joshua Key, 702nd MUNSS; Michele Keys, 470th ABS; James Kulpa, 703rd MUNSS; Gaston Lara, 702nd MUNSS; Matthew Larsen, 470th ABS; Eric Liese, 702nd MUNSS; Duan Lightfoot, Regional Headquarters Allied Forces, Northern Europe; Jacob Macedo, NATO AWACS; Christopher McKiven, 701st MUNSS; Abdullah Mohammed, 470th ABS; James Moos, 703rd MUNSS; Austin Murray, 701st MUNSS; Christopher Myers, 701st MUNSS; John Nichols, 702nd MUNSS; Phanda Thanongsack, 702nd MUNSS; Nathan Quidley, 703rd MUNSS; Daniel Ray, 702nd MUNSS; Thomas Reistroffer, NATO AWACS; Daniel Rineer, NATO AWACS; Steven Ryan, 703rd MUNSS; Stephen Savino, NATO AWACS; David Sepulveda, 703rd MUNSS; Hyeon Sorrell, NATO AWACS; Jason Spade, 701st MUNSS; William Tauffener, 701st MUNSS; Tiffany Varela, 702nd MUNSS; Nicholas Vazzana, 703rd

MUNSS; Nakaei Williams, 470h ABS; Brian Wise, 702nd MUNSS; and Angela Zuniga, 701st MUNSS.

52nd Mission Support Group

Raymond Adams, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Kacy Akin, 52nd SFS; Randy Akin, 52nd SFS; Robert Aldinger, 52nd SFS; James Ashley, 52nd Communications Squadron; Matthew Aulbach, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Andrew Baines, 52nd CES; Richard Barnes, 52nd CES; Jesse Bell, 52nd CES; Sean Belmonte, 52nd CS; Anthony Blaine, 52nd CES; Matthew Blazewicz, 52nd SFS; Lake Boudier, 52nd CS; Shawn Bridges, 52nd CS; Anthony Brown, 52nd CS; Amanda Buettner, 52nd LRS; Daniel Buettner, 52nd LRS; James Buffin, 52nd CS; Jeffrey Campbell, 52nd LRS; Daniel Carr, 52nd CS; Joshua Champagne, 52nd LRS; Donald Clayborn, 52nd LRS; Terrence Corcio, 52nd LRS; Megan Crusher, 52nd Service Squadron; Sonny Dehart, 52nd LRS; John De La Cruz, 52nd LRS; Michael Diaz, 52nd CS; Nicholas Dighiera, 52nd CES; Jason Dohn, 52nd CES; James Earwood, 52nd CES; Nicholas Ettel, 52nd CS; Cecil Evans, 52nd SFS; Shawn Flue, 52nd CES; Michelle Gaede, 52nd SFS; Zachariah Giguere, 52nd CES; Steven Gonzales, 52nd CES; Phillip Granath, 52nd CES; George Hamilton, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Ami Harris, 52nd CES; Joshua Heiney, 52nd SFS; Shawn Henderson, 52nd SFS; Stephanie Hibdon, 52nd SFS; James Holloway, 52nd LRS; Ryan Ihnken, 52nd CS; Adam Ihrig, 52nd LRS; Antonio Jones, 52nd SFS; Isaac Kasten, 52nd SFS; Collin Keller, 52nd SFS; John Key Jr., 52nd SFS; Nicholas Lewis, 52nd CES; Joshua Lincicum, 52nd SFS; Daneirys Liranzo, 52nd CS; Alvin Llamas, 52nd CES; Melissa Lopez, 52nd LRS; Gerald Martinez, 52nd SFS; Jared Martinez, 52nd CES; Demarcus Mason, 52nd LRS; Jade McCleod, 52nd SFS; Jacqueline McLean, 52nd SVS; Jose Medina, 52nd CES; David Melendez, 52nd SFS; Erica Mikelson, 52nd CES; Forrest Montera, 52nd CES; Gerardino Mumfrey, 52nd CS; Sydney Mumfrey, 52nd CS; Kahlila Mutidi, 52nd CES; Kevin Neiferd, 52nd LRS; Kenneth Nolan, 52nd CES; Angela Owens, 52nd CS; Joshua Ramos, 52nd CES; Thomas Rascon, 52nd LRS; Shaquana Roberts, 52nd SVS; Timothy Rohrbach, 52nd Contracting Squadron; Carlos Sanchez, 52nd CES; Denise Sawyer, 52nd MSS; Daniel Schmidt, 52nd CES; David Scott, 52nd CES; Jamie Sementilli, 52nd CS; Timothy Sexton, 52nd CS; Tasha Silveira, 52nd CES; Thomas Smoot-Russell, 52nd LRS; Jack Snyder, 52nd CES; Michael Stitt, 52nd LRS; Jacob Stockwell, 52nd CS; Michael Strid, 52nd CES; James Thompson, 52nd CES; Timothy Vergori, 52nd CS; Amibelech Wenthold, 52nd SFS; Franklin Wilson, 52nd CS; Matthew Woods, 52nd CES; and Gil Yzaguirre, 52nd CS.

721st Air Mobility Operations Group

Tonya Barrow, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; Travis Benedict, 726th AMS; Peter Feliciano, 726th AMS; Javon Lee, 726th AMS; William Morris, 726th AMS; Brian O'Neal, 726th AMS; and Dave Pimentel, 726th AMS.

52nd Medical Group

Kristy Crochran, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; Janelle Gonzalez, 52nd MDSS; Felicia Gutierrez, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Kirk Johnson, 52nd MDSS; Travis Kohlhof, 52nd MDSS; Carl Pence, 52nd MDSS; Faith Rivera, 52nd AMDS; and Matthew Toenniges, 52nd AMDS.

(Compiled by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Edwards, Eglin combine testing on next-generation F-16

By Tech. Sgt. Eric M. Grill
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Combining two aircraft missions into one is not an easy feat, but that is exactly what engineers and pilots from here and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., are testing. In the process, they have also combined operational and developmental into one testing effort.

Five F-16 Fighting Falcons and aircrews from the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Eglin deployed here July 22 to 29 and joined two 416th Flight Test Squadron F-16s to focus primarily on operationally testing the M4.2-plus core avionics suite upgrade to the F-16. Lessons learned from both types of testing will be applied to improve future versions of the upgrade.

The F-16 is a compact, multirole fighter aircraft designed to be highly maneuverable in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. There are several versions of the F-16 used by the United States, including the Block 40 and Block 50.

The Block 40 F-16 primary mission fills the air-to-surface attack role, while the Block 50's primary mission is destruction and suppression of enemy air defenses.

The M4.2-plus avionics upgrade combines both combat roles into a single fighter aircraft. The upgrade is being completed using spiral development, meaning all program stakeholders, including developmental testers, contractors and operational units work together early in the process to ensure



Tom Reynolds

Six F-16 Fighting Falcons fly in formation during combined developmental and operational testing of the M4.2-plus core avionics suite upgrade to the aircraft. The formation consists of operational test aircraft from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and developmental test aircraft from Edwards AFB, Calif.

testing is conducted more efficiently. This helps align operational objectives and is geared toward providing mature, stable systems to the warfighter as quickly as possible.

"The M4.2-plus upgrade achieves the goal of the Air Force's F-16 Common Configuration Implementation Program to support common aircraft equipment and core

avionics software capabilities," said Shauna Urwiller, Global Power Fighters program manager from the 416th FLTS.

Testing included evaluation of the weapons systems, hardware improvements on the multifunctional information distribution system and a look at the latest radar detection technologies, she said.

"This is the F-16 we've been waiting for," said Lt. Col. J. Todd Hicks, 85th TES commander. "When I first started flying (F-16s) we had free-falling munitions and limited air-to-air (combat) capability. It's been an evolution of more than 20 years to be able to execute all tactical combat missions, ranging from precision engagement to suppression of enemy air defenses to air superiority. The F-16 continues to be the world's premier multi-role fighter."

Aircrews from the 85th TES and visiting people with the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron from Nellis AFB, Nev., evaluated the current F-16 M4.2-plus avionics suite during operationally representative SEAD engagements at the Air Force Flight Test Center.

"Combined operational and developmental testing is intended to exercise the avionics and new hardware components to include the high-speed anti-radiation missile-targeting system in operational scenarios," said Capt. Brian Griffin, M4.2-plus program flight test engineer for the 416th FLTS.

Aircrews also evaluated the pilot vehicle interface of avionics systems to include mechanization, systems degradation and operational suitability, he said.

When the final spiral is rolled out, in about two years, and then fully implemented operationally, Colonel Hicks said it will give combatant commanders the capability to use one F-16 that can carry out the mission of two. (Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Prepare to fight



Fight to win



Take care of each other



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Tech. Sgt. Jodi Rusticelli
Unit: 52nd Medical Operations Squadron
Duty title: Ambulance services NCOIC
Hometown: Bedford, Mass.
Years in service: 12 years
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Rusticelli was instrumental in developing and implementing an innovative ambulance services training program that contributed directly to the 52nd FW's "Excellent" rating on a recent inspection. She smoothed channels of communication, standardized patient triage, transport protocols and helped to coordinate a first-ever

joint ambulance services and flight medicine table-top exercise. Her efforts paid off when the medical first responders performed flawlessly under the scrutiny of the inspectors. In addition, as the point of contact for the recent 52nd MDOS Dining-Out, Sergeant Rusticelli coordinated a perfect evening of fun and camaraderie for more than 130 troops and spouses that sent unit morale soaring.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Rusticelli is involved in Airmen Against Drunk Driving; wing bazaars, and unaccompanied Airman's dinners. She also mentors Spangdahlem Middle School students and is a 52nd MDOS morale committee member. She is currently in pursuit of a business administration degree with a minor in contracting.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy traveling through Europe and spending time with family. The most fun we've had was when we went to Rome, Italy.

What do you like most about being stationed here? Traveling opportunities.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see personnel that live off base get the same privileges as those who live on base.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Commander's Mentorship Program

2nd Lt. Kamal Kaaoush, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance operations flight commander, chats with Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander as part of the Commander's Mentorship Program here in July. A resident of Woodland Park, Colo. and graduate of Colorado State University, Lieutenant Kaaoush has been at Spangdahlem for 10 months. The lieutenant shared what he learned during his time shadowing the commander: "Colonel Goldfein showed me how important it is to have a sense of humor -- to be able to laugh and learn from your own mistakes -- not to mention going to every meeting you could possibly imagine."

Eifel Salutes

52nd Maintenance Group

Airman 1st Class Raushan Hilliard programmed 16 avionics systems during the Operational Readiness Inspection, helping earn the "Excellent" rating. **Senior Airman Zachary Marquis** hit the bullseye by eliminating a potential in-flight gun failure during preflight. **Tech. Sgt. Archie Archambault** is golden for building support from the ground up at a Romanian airbase. Dedicated crew chief **Tech. Sgt. Steven Pierik** saw his long hours on his A-10 Warthog pay off as it reached the 10,000-hour milestone! **Staff Sgt. Larry Kellogg** is part of this balanced team including **Tech. Sgt. Kyle Thomas** and **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Stewart**, whose quality maintenance ensured success during Exercise ROMEX. **Staff Sgt. John Shaw** is "da bomb" (sorry) as a Quality Assurance inspector ensuring the high standards of munitions maintenance.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

1,100 people pigged out at the 2005 Belgian/American friendship festival thanks to the culinary efforts of **Staff Sgt. Arlyne Hogg**, 701st Munitions Support Squadron dining facility shift supervisor. They stayed safe thanks to **Senior Airman Deniece Wilcox**, who is responsible for 24-hour security of a \$500 million arsenal and U.S. personnel at the base. **Staff Sgt. Andrew Pence** gets a stamp of



approval for stepping in as postmaster for Buechel AB. "Movers" and shakers **Tech Sgt. Joseph Fontenot**, **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Olsen** and **Senior Airman Michael Scott** refurbished the 703rd MUNSS with a truckload of hand-me-downs from Rhein-Main AB.

52nd Medical Group

It's all in the family for **Staff Sgts. Glen Dosado** and **Melissa Lehan**, **Senior Airmen Elizabeth Worley**, **Dometria Johnson**, **Daniel Knight**, **Tasha Gerard** and **Airman 1st Class Peter Leduc**, who lent a much-needed hand to the Family Practice clinic. No griping and special kudos to **Majors Stephen Griep** and **Donnel Nicks**, who stepped up to run the Surgical Services Flight and handled a closure of the operating room.

CDC Scores

The following individuals achieved scores of 90 percent or above on their career development course examinations:

- ♦ **Staff Sgt. David Edwards**, 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron: 91
- ♦ **Airman 1st Class David Megorden**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron: 95
- ♦ **Airman Christopher Henson**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron: 95
- ♦ **Airman Jarrett Pierce**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron: 91

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Capt. Mike Cumberworth, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit Name: 52nd Dental Squadron Specialty Elements

Unit Responsibilities: The team ensures global readiness, promotes oral health and provides outstanding dental care.

Number of Members: 14: Not pictured are: Col. Peter Heath, Lt. Col. Julie Collins, Staff Sgt. Keisha Douglas, Senior Airman Marie Collins and Frau Brigitte Hardin

Team's latest contribution to 52d Fighter Wing mission success: These elements provide dental care to 14,000 eligible beneficiaries while keeping Team Eifel Sabers and family members' teeth and gums healthy. The oral and maxillofacial surgery element performs a wide range of surgical procedures to prevent disease, alleviate pain, repair injuries and correct deformities involving the mouth and face. The prosthodontic element fabricates crowns, bridges, implant prostheses, dentures and orthodontic appliances. The periodontal department is involved in maintaining healthy gums and bone structure by performing comprehensive cleanings and gum surgeries. In addition, the pediatric dentistry element provides routine and comprehensive care ranging from examinations to full-mouth rehabilitative surgeries for 1,600 Department of Defense children annually. The orthodontic team stays extremely productive by ensuring the highest priority patients receive appropriate teeth movement and alignment care.

Team's other contributions: The team contributed to the clinic providing \$7 million annually in patient treatment while maintaining a 97-percent wing "ready-to-deploy" rate that beat the Air Force goal by two percent. During wing operational taskings, 25 non-deployable dental patients received priority care to rapidly complete treatment and promptly restore members to "dental-ready" status. This greatly contributed to the 52nd Fighter Wing's "Excellent" rating during the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operational Readiness Inspection.

Did you register your child for school after Aug. 5? Need bus transportation?

Visit the Eifel School Transportation Office with a copy of the school registration form to get a bus pass. The Eifel STO is in Spangdahlem Elementary School building 433 and is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For details, call 452-5340 or 06565-615340 commercial.

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stay stylish and safe while ready to deploy at a moment's notice. here are some examples of what air and space expeditionary force 7/8 deployers will be expected to wear and tote this autumn.

aef 7/8 fall line

graphic illustration by senior airman amaani lyle and 2nd lt. shannon collins, 52nd fighter wing public affairs office

visit <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil> for complete aef information.



flak vest comes with metal plate and is used to stop or slow fragmenting munitions. With metal lining, the total weight is about 40 pounds.



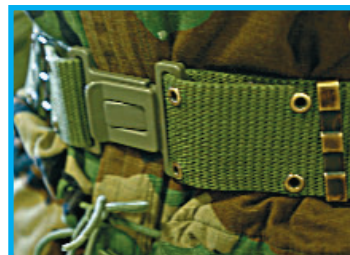
the personal armor system for ground troops (PASGT) helmet is made from Kevlar and is also designed to deflect munitions. Goggles protect eyes from sand and fragments.



the M16 semiautomatic rifle shoots 5.56 millimeter cartridge in 20- to 30-round magazines. It's most effective range is 200 yards or less.



"second skin" and goggles helps protect the face from chemical agents.



the web belt holds canteens, holsters or firearm magazines.



canteens remain the standard water holder for deployers. The camelbak version is also used and holds even more water.



the M9 semiautomatic pistol (in holster) eliminates targets during close fighting. It can hold up to 15 rounds.



elastic drawstrings are used throughout the JS-list suit.



though the tape on the left is simulated, actual M9 tape helps warriors detect the presence of chemical agents by changing colors.



models: senior airman demarcus mason and airman 1st class bernard price, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Combat Care: Planning key to single Airmen's finance management, success

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Get ready early. This is the common theme among base agencies that assist Airmen preparing for deployment to an area of responsibility. This preparation can be stressful, time consuming and exciting, but above all, requires planning and thinking ahead for the future.

Often times, the focus of deployment is on taking care of the families of the active duty member who is deployed, or ensuring families left behind know they are part of the team too. What about those single Airmen who deploy and do not have someone to keep the home campfires burning?

"Married people normally have someone who stays behind and pays the bills and keeps (the active duty member's) affairs in order," said Mr. Bill Triplett, 52nd Mission Support Squadron base financial counselor. "Single Airmen are more than likely on their own and must prepare well ahead of time. However, I think the single person who doesn't have a lot of bills to pay is really at an advantage if they deploy. There's an opportunity to kick start their financial life and stash a nest egg."

Mr. Triplett says single Airmen should do a little research and planning to ensure their financial life will continue to evolve while they are away. Here is his advice:

Paying bills

- Deferred payments and reduced interest rates on the Military Star Card for members with good credit: go to www.aafes.com and click on deployment link for further details.

- Deferment for club card dues; members must take a copy of their orders to the cashiers' cage at the club to activate

- Set up to pay monthly bills automatically or online. The credit union offers free online bill paying and some of the perks that are not available at some banks are now available here.

- Turn off phone service during the duration of deployment. It could be cheaper to pay the re-activation fee than the cumulated monthly charges.

Savings

- The Savings Deposit Plan allows members to deposit up to \$10,000 and earn 10 percent interest annually. Contact your deployed location

finance center to enroll in the plan, or visit <http://www.dod.mil/news/dec2001> for more information.

TSP

- People can allocate their Combat Pay, which is a special pay or incentive pay, into their Thrift Savings Account. Visit www.tsp.gov for more information.

Accessing money downrange

- Don't rely primarily on debit cards while in the AOR. Some locations do not give cash back due to the limited amount of U.S. currency available. Bring a book of checks, that way servicemembers can get cash back through the base finance office.

Even with all the planning and services available on base, a minor oversight that can affect a single Airman's finances can come down to something as simple as the telephone service.

"If you have a roommate, and the telephone is under your name, I suggest turning it off," said Mr. Triplett. "Turn it off and have the roommate set up their own account, because you as the owner of the telephone service will be responsible for the bills and repayment for all

usage — even while you're away."

Relying too heavily on a friend or peer to handle a single Airman's finances can be detrimental, rather than helpful if in the wrong hands. That is why Tech. Sgt. Diane Caldwell, 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate civil law paralegal stresses the importance of choosing a Power of Attorney wisely and knowing the consequences.

"A Power of Attorney is a written instrument that allows you to authorize your agent, or attorney-in-fact, to conduct certain business on your behalf," said Sergeant Caldwell. "It is one of the strongest legal documents that you can give to another person, and as such, should not be taken lightly."

It is important for servicemembers to have a Power of Attorney if they want someone other than themselves to conduct business in their absence. For more information on setting up a Power of Attorney, call the legal office at 452-6796 or 452-6797.

For more information on financial management and acquiring a Combat Care pre-deployment checklist, call the family support center at 452-6422.

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■ To PA in building 23.

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Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.



Col. Dave Goldfein

August Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	421	130	-12
23FS	448	145	+3
81FS	358	105	-4

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Community

Chief unveils 'Adopt an Airman' program; host nation families foster new friendships

By Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly
52nd Fighter Wing command chief

Ten years ago while stationed at Aviano AB, Italy, the neatest thing happened.

My family and I were adopted by an Italian family. At the time, we didn't realize that we were becoming part of another family. All we knew was we had some really nice friends that were helping to familiarize us with European culture.

Along the way, I noticed my wife and kids were learning to speak Italian. My wife suddenly knew her way around town and had overcome many of the cultural differences that still seemed like obstacles to me.

Soon, we were having dinner with our new Italian friends and going places with them. Like the skin of an onion, any cultural differences we encountered upon our arrival were slowly peeled away by Alphonso and Ida.

During our four and a half years in Italy, we forged a meaningful and lifelong relationship. More importantly, our lives were enriched by the friendship and the experience.

So fast forward to 2004 and I'm hanging out at one of our dormitories that houses nearly 800 of

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our most valuable assets. The conversation led to my reflections of Italy, and I thought "wouldn't it be nice if our troops had the opportunity to experience the same social and cultural enrichment the Kellys enjoyed there?"

Some of our Airmen are stationed here on two-year tours and leave here without making local friends.

Some of them arrive here and understandably miss home, HBO, and the mall.

Not to mention the fact that they're working incredibly hard or deploying downrange.

Consequently, some of them are so busy missing home or working, they lose sight of the great opportunity to see and experience something different.

Thanks to the wing commander's support, the

52nd Fighter Wing will roll-out "Adopt an Airman" (AAA) today. The program is designed to help our dormitory residents get out and experience the European culture.

While there are many ways to do this, who better to introduce us to Germany than our German hosts? Today we will introduce 50 of our Airmen to 50 local families who volunteered to "adopt" them. Then, the rest is up to them. We would like the families to invite the Airmen into their homes, take them on trips and share their experiences with them.

Conversely, we want our Airmen to invite their families to visit their jobs, to attend wing functions and to present a positive image of the U.S. Air Force.

We hope this program will grow and set a precedent so that eventually, every dorm resident will have the same opportunity to form life-long bonds with their German neighbors.

As with any new and foreign friendship, there will be some language and cultural barriers. But if people are willing to work through those inconveniences, I'm certain our Airman will leave here better than when they came.

Thanks to our German hosts for their friendship, enthusiasm and support of AAA.



Direct Line

Question: I recently signed up for an Information, Tickets and Travel tour and was informed that tour buses were no longer allowed on base and the pick-up point would be at the visitor control center.

When I asked about parking, I was informed I could park at the club and walk to the visitor center -- the rationale given was security.

I am all for security, but from what I have witnessed on the six tours I have taken, security has never been an issue as each person is checked upon entering. The bus driver is escorted by an ITT employee.

For those who have gone on longer overnight trips or on the shopping tours, this will be inconvenient and become the ultimate "bag drag" -- an unnecessary trip through the main gate for those living on base.

Dormitory residents without cars will have to hike through rain or snow to begin or end a tour. While the tour buses do not enter Ramstein Air Base, there is at least a place to park.

This decision will only discourage people from taking trips. This new policy desperately fails in the customer service category. Can we revisit this policy?

Answer: Thank you for your interest in our ITT programs. Your concerns regarding the recent ITT tour bus

pick-up and return policy are understandable, and we apologize for the inconvenience this caused you and other ITT customers.

ITT received a requirements reminder of the new U.S. Army Europe-mandated Installation Access Control System policy in early June. New entry requirements were sent to our contracted bus companies a few days later.

Unfortunately, several contractors failed to start the process in a timely manner. The delay in submitting the proper paperwork caused some ITT contractors problems getting onto base. The solution to the problem was for customers to park on base and meet their tour bus at the main gate.

As you pointed out, this was not the most customer-friendly solution, and we apologize for that.

Since there is no privately-owned vehicle parking at the main gate and no suitable or safe pick-up or drop off areas off-base, the only place for ITT customers to park was on base.

I am happy to report that all ITT-contracted bus companies are cleared for normal on-base pick-up and return locations as of July 15.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and continued patronage of our ITT tours.

Culture Corner

At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as "Women's Equality Day."

The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

The first wing member to correctly answer the following trivia question wins a prize! Send answers via e-mail to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.

In which three western states did women win the right to vote years before the Federal Amendment was secured?



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



JAM! block party

Team Eifel members, especially airmen basics to senior airmen, are invited to the JAM! block party Saturday from 3-9 p.m. at the grassy knoll area by the Spangdahlem AB post office. There will be games such as a hula hoop contest, frozen T-shirt contest, water balloon contest and a tug-of-war. There will also be volleyball and horseshoe games to play. The first sergeants will serve free hamburgers and hot dogs, while Top 3 will DJ and help sponsor the live band "Social Brutality." For more information, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.

Baby photo contest

People can bring their favorite 5x7 photo of their infant to Photo Express or bring their newborn to 24-month-old child to the Photo Express Portrait Studio Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to have their free portrait taken to enter the contest. No sitting fee, appointment or purchase is necessary, although portraits will be available for purchase. Call 06565-933589 for official contest rules.

Women's equality run

The base multi-cultural committee is coordinating a Women's Equality Day Fun Run and Walk Aug. 26. People interested in helping to arrange the event should e-mail faith.rivera@spangdahlem.af.mil.

T-shirt design contest

Sabers are encouraged to develop a logo/design and submit it for the wing T-shirt design contest. The logo will be added to the standard black T-shirt, and must encompass the entire wing. The design must not exceed five inches in diameter and must be on the left side of the chest. Designs will be voted on by the Spangdahlem Tier II and approved by the wing commander and command chief. Submission deadline is Aug. 31. For details, call Staff Sgts. Frank Araujo at 452-6514 or Patrick Compton at 452-5513.

One Acts auditions

ACT Eifel holds auditions for a "Night of One Acts" Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to



Staff Sgt. John Barton

Custom-made weekend

David Porter and Christoph Mosebach, students from Zemmer, Germany, check out a 1968 custom Volkswagen Beetle at the 2005 Motor Weekend here Aug. 5-7. The VW Beetle was the weekend's first place customcar winner, best of show winner and received first place for the sound pressure level audio competition.

noon in the fitness center's aerobics room. Auditions will be for two one-act shows offering a variety of roles for men and women. Call Patti Porter at 452-7381 for more information.

School news

Bitburg Elementary School

BES is now accepting Sure Start applications for the 2005-6 school year. Applications can be picked up at the main office. Children must be four years old on or before Oct. 31, 2005. Applications are accepted for ranks E-1 through E-9 (and their civilian equivalents), with priority placement given to ranks E-1 through E-4. For details, call Mary Marchand at 452-9215 or 06565-619215.

Spangdahlem Middle School

SMS's official pictures will be taken Sept. 12 in the morning. For more information, call Jane Hewitt at 452-7205.

One Acts auditions

ACT Eifel holds auditions for a "Night

of One Acts" Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon in the fitness center's aerobics room. Auditions will be for two one-act shows offering a variety of roles for men and women. Call Patti Porter at 452-7381 for more information.

Batman appearance

People can get their picture taken with the famous caped crusader, Batman, Thursday from 2-2:45 p.m. and 3-3:45 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB Skyline Theater. Batman is here to promote his new movie and to sign autographs. Children can enter a Batman giveaway drawing for a chance to win prizes. Prizes will be given away every 15 minutes. For more information, call Lisa Stevens at 452-6466.

Dental volunteer program

The 52nd Dental Squadron and American Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Program class starts Sept. 12. To sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Lloyd at 452-8220.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., pre-school through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service
- For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711 or 452-6281.

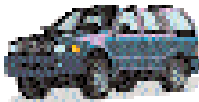
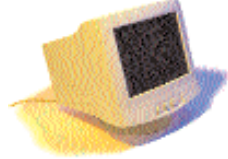


What's happening at Club Eifel?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH 2 FOR 1 STEAK NIGHT



Two 11 oz. steaks, house salads, baked potatoes with sour cream, butter and green onions. Wine specials will also be available. This special event is by reservation only, so call Club Eifel at 452-4633. There will be two seatings; 5-6:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Food will be served in the fireside lounge. Enjoy a night out! Club Eifel Members \$17.00; Nonmembers \$19.00.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Vehicles

1998 Navy Blue Jeep Wrangler Sport 6 cylinder, 4.0 liter, 5-spd., 4WD, new tires, battery, front window, AC, PS, AM/FM stereo cassette, premium sound speaker bar w/ light, dual air bags, tilt steering, two soft tops (brown and black), tinted replace-

ment windows, recently passed inspec., \$8750. Call 0160-7145466 or 06565-934987 after 6 p.m.

1995 VW POLO 6N, apricot, 197,000 kilometers, sunroof, tanned rear windows, four summer and four winter tires each w/ rims, registration good until Aug. '06,

\$3,000 OBO. Call Karl at 452-9503.

1993 Ford Escort Wagon, recent inspec., new brakes, clutch, tires, battery, oil change, wipers, 88,000 miles, \$1800. Call 452-7674 or 06568-969-9896.

1991 AUDI 80, 263,000 kilometers, AT, AC, V6, heated seats, fog lights, CD, PS, new brakes,

\$2,000. Call 0175-161-4703.

1989 VW Golf II, red four-door, winter tires, \$900 OBO. Call Master Sgt. Garcia at 452-1072 or 06561-67-0702

Motorcycles

2003 Harley Davidson Softtail Standard, FXSTI, anniversary edition, 2,800 miles, billet grips, footpegs, shifter peg, brake pedal pad, chrome dash panel, sissy bar, storage cover, service manual, \$15,600 OBO. Call 06562-974144.

2003 Honda Shadow A.C.E 750cc, windshield and saddlebag, silver and charcoal, lots of chrome, 1,900 miles, \$7,000 firm. Call 452-6834 or 06506-910596 after 6 p.m.

1992 Honda Nighthawk CB750, garage kept, 12,000 miles, recently passed inspec., windshield, sissy bar, luggage rack w/net, engine crash guards, \$2,350 OBO.

Call 0171-5621424.

For sale

Cherry wall entertainment unit, glass doors w/light, fits most 32-in. tv's, \$200 OBO; Panasonic 29-in. flat screen international tv, receives all channels on base, \$225 OBO. Can sell as a package. Call Airman Moore at 06565-955867 or 452-7719.

Set of four aluminum wheels from a 1989 Mercedes 190E. Mounted all-weather tires have less than 6,000 kilometers. Call 452-2087 or 01511-5550106.

Girls' shoes for 3- or 4-year-old, all leather, German size 25, dark blue, worn once, 15 euros OBO; music mobile for crib, changing table w/five colorful stuffed animals, 12 euros OBO; lambskin foot sack for stroller, red cover, 30 euros OBO. Call Birgit at 452-6281 or 06562-3203

in the evening.

Gamecube and games, comes w/memory card, NFL Street, LOTR: The 3rd AGE, Tony Hawk's Underground 2, Sims in the City, Rayman Arena, Freestyle Metal X and NHL 2005, \$160 OBO. Call 0160-4934670.

Aiptek digital video recorder and digital camera w/3.1 MP and 128 MB memory card, \$100; Bluetooth USB adapter, reaches up to 333 feet, \$20. RCA Lyra MP3 player w/all accessories, \$25. Call 0160-4934670.

Blessing clarinet, \$300 OBO, queen waterbed frame w/120 and 200 heaters, \$50 OBO, assorted VHS movies, \$2 each. Call 06561-945294.

Dining room table w/chairs, seats four to eight, center hidden butterfly insert, \$200 OBO. Call 0175-9560949.

used one year, \$200 OBO. Call 0175-9560949.

Kitchen table w/center extender, six matching chairs, \$150. Call 06565-933132.

Mahogany dining set w/schrank, \$1,100, bedroom set, schrank, double twin bed, dressing table, \$150; German crystal lamps, \$230; center and side tables, \$60; toddler items and more. Call 06563-962669 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Green loveseat, \$50 OBO. Call 0175-5092155.

Roll-up table, 50 euros; 15-inch tire and rims, \$75 euros; dresser and desk, 60 euros; sofa bed couch w/two chairs, 250 euros; breakfast nook table w/two chairs, 120 euros; tv table, 20 euros; Graco stroller, new, 250 euros; Coleman sleeping mat, \$40; 110-volt

Hoover vacuum cleaner, \$40. Call 06563-960580.

Motorola C155, never used, comes w/10 euros phone card, \$50 OBO; Siemens C60 D1 phone, \$15; small oak dinette table w/ 4 chairs, \$50; one-year-old schrank w/side shelving and drawers, \$40; schrank, \$30; two small dressers, \$20 each; child's primary colored metal bunk beds, \$40; Little Tykes toy box w/ top shelf, \$20; Fisher Price talking kitchen, \$5; 220-volt white microwave, \$25; 220-volt appliances and transformers, \$5-\$40; small and large house plants, healthy w/ceramic pots, \$5-\$40. Call 452-7832 or 06563-960135 after 6 p.m.

Lost

Sony Cybershot digital camera, blue, in green case w/four memory sticks, attached to a red lanyard. Contains pic-

tures of a family trip to Leipzig and pictures of a little blonde girl. Reward: \$100. Call 452-5826 or 0175-9565419.

Pets

Black and brown striped kitten, 5-6 months old, all shots, microchipped, \$125 (vet cost) OBO. Call 06565-955867 or 0170-1826441.

Kitten wanted, for sale or free. Call 0175-4535467.

Wanted

Short-term and emergency childcare designee and overseas evacuee escort needed for single parent with November 2007 DEROS. Speicher to Spangdahlem area preferred for school. Serious inquiries only. Call Tami at 0160-5943405.

Yard sale

PCS sale, Saturday at 7 a.m., everything must go, Speicher housing, building 212.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Aug. 18. Times and movies are subject to change. For current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Madagascar (PG, 7 p.m.)

Spoiled by their upbringing with no idea what wild life is really like, four animals from New York Central Zoo escape in search of their friend and find themselves en route to Madagascar.

War of the Worlds (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

As Earth is invaded by alien tripod fighting machines, one family fights for survival.

Saturday

Madagascar (7 p.m.)

War of the Worlds (9:30 p.m.)

Fantastic Four (PG-13, midnight)

A group of astronauts gain superpowers after cosmic radiation exposure and must use them to oppose the plans of their enemy, Doctor Victor Von Doom. **(Editor's note: This showing is free to people who bring their wingman. Wingman cardholders and the person listed on their wingman card get free entrance to the film.)**

Sunday

Madagascar (4 p.m.)

Cinderella Man (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

The story of Depression-era fighter and folk hero Jim Braddock, who defeated heavyweight champ Max Baer in a 15-round slugfest in 1935.

Monday

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG, 7 p.m.)

When four best friends spend their first summer apart from one another, they share a magical pair of jeans.

Tuesday

War of the Worlds (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday

Thursday

Batman Begins (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce Wayne travels the world, seeking the means to fight injustice.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Herbie: Fully Loaded (G, 7 p.m.)

Maggie Peyton, the new owner of Number 53 -- the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own -- puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR competitor.

The Longest Yard (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

Prison inmates form a football team to challenge the prison guards.

Saturday

Kicking and Screaming (PG, 7 p.m.)

Family man Phil Weston, a lifelong victim of his father's competitive nature, takes on the coaching duties of a kids' soccer team, and soon finds that he's also taking on his father's dysfunctional way of relating.

Crash (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A car accident brings together a group of strangers in Los Angeles.

Sunday

Herbie: Fully Loaded (4 p.m.)

Fantastic Four (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Herbie: Fully Loaded (7 p.m.)

Thursday

The Longest Yard (7 p.m.)

Go hog wild ...

Wittlich's legend attracts visitors from near, far

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

According to legend, Wittlich was once a walled fortress constantly under attack by invaders.

One evening, a guard in charge of locking the gate to the besieged town could not find the peg to secure the fortified door. All he could find was a large carrot to wedge in the door. Later, a pig ate the carrot, the gate opened and the enemy came in.

After the enemy ransacked the town, the angry townspeople herded every pig into the town's market square and roasted them.

Since then, the town of Wittlich has been known as the town of the pig burners.

Once a year, the community of Wittlich holds an annual festival that attracts thousands of visitors.

Activities will take place Aug. 19-23, featuring a variety of entertainment events such as a handicraft market, many amusement rides, musical performances, a wine street and plenty of roasted pork.

This festival, which is one of a kind in the local area, will start off with a craftsmen's market on the city's Lieserplatz. The market stays open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

A concert by the Wittlich brass band takes place Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to midnight in the city's main market square.

Local residents will perform a special play Aug. 19 at 9:15 a.m. in the city park. They will also have a torch light procession through the streets of Wittlich, recreating the circumstances of the legend. To see the entire event, start at the Tuermchen tower, located in the center of town.

Wittlich's annual pig festival officially opens Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. immediately after the first pigs arrive in the market place via a horse-drawn wagon.

Wine stands open up and musical entertainment by various local brass bands will take place in the afternoon.

Then the first pigs will be roasted on the spits and the Schweinebraten, or barbecued pork, is ready to be enjoyed, starting at 5 p.m.

As is the case with many European festivals, visitors first buy tickets which are in turn exchanged for the delicious pork. These tickets may be purchased at



Iris Reiff

The pig fest is an annual bash, attracting people from far and near. The event offers a huge amusement park and music around the clock. Legend has it that a pig ate the carrot that locked the entrance to the gate of the walled city, and the enemy marched through the gate and ransacked the town. Since then, Wittlich has been known as the town of pig burners.

the tourist information office's window in the market square.

Throughout the event, there will be two stages set up in the market square and on Pariser Platz, both located in the center of town.

Music will be performed all day on either stage by both local music associations and bands, but also by popular groups which are known throughout Germany.

Activities continue Aug. 22 with concerts by local bands, starting at 10:30 a.m. Schweinebraten will be available at noon. Children's entertainment will take place from 2-4:30 p.m. in the market square, with more music to follow.

Celebrations will end with musical entertainment by the California band on Pariser Platz, and Kenneth King and the band Party Plus. A huge amusement park offers more than 60 rides and game stands throughout the festival.

Although the pig festival officially comes to an end late Monday night, the amusement park and food stands remain open Aug. 23 from 1-7 p.m. when Wittlich has its family day, offering reduced prices for everyone.

Visitors to the pig festival can also take in an art exhibition at the Rathaus, or city hall.

The Wittlich Pig Burners festival is



Gary Sakura

Workers at the pig fest prepare hundreds of pork sandwiches for the festival goers at last year's event.

one of the key events in this area and festival organizers expect thousands of visitors. The center of town will be blocked off from traffic because all celebrations occur either in the market square or close to the center of town.

For people who plan to take children, beware that the city gets very crowded and that alcohol is consumed at this festival. It is not recommended to bring small children in strollers.

People driving to the festival should remember not to drink and drive. Taxis will be available and increased police patrols will be enforcing the laws throughout the pig festival.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

❑ Brot & Spiele is the name for the great Roman spectacle taking place **today** through **Sunday** in Trier.

❑ Visit the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Segelflug-Club open house at Flugplatz Mont Royal in Traben-Trarbach **Sunday** at noon. The program includes the Christen Eagle biplane, parachute jumps, motorgliders and ultralight planes, static displays and food and drinks. The event is free, and people can visit the Web site at www.moselflugplatz.de, or call 06541-1005 for

more information. The Flugplatz is on L-64 between Urzig and Traben-Trarbach.

❑ Information, Tickets and Travel tours: Karlsbad crystal and flea market, **Aug. 19-20**, \$75 per person; Wittlich Pig Fest, **Aug. 20**, \$25 per person; Cochem medieval dinner, **Aug. 20**, \$50 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3-12; Strasbourg Express, **Aug. 20**, \$50 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3-12. For details, call ITT at 452-6567.

❑ Plan to attend the great Irisch Night at Burg Satzvey in Mechernich Satzvey **Aug. 20**. For more information, go to www.irische-nacht.de or call 0700-47 47-4000 for tickets.

❑ Upcoming Mosel valley wine festivals: Trittenheim Weinfest, **today** through **Monday**; Bernkastel-Kues Wein und strassenfest, **Aug. 19-21**; Piesport Weinhoefefest, **Aug. 19-21**; and Cochem Weinfest, **Aug. 25-29**.

Swinging for the Fence

Spang hosts USAFE small unit softball tournament

Photo by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura,
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Staff reports

Spangdahlem Air Base hosted the 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe small unit championship softball tournament July 31 through Aug. 5. Teams from 12 geographically-separated units converged here for a softball extravaganza.

After days of play in the cool, damp Eifel weather, the Camp Darby, Italy, Lions beat the

Royal Air Force Fairford, England, Falcons 30-16 in the championship round.

"The tournament was very tough, and there were some really tough teams to beat with experienced players," said Lions all-star player Dan Mafnas, 712th Munitions Squadron munitions storage NCOIC. "I felt we would place in the top three, but I never imagined we would come back from behind and rock some teams like we did."

Dan Mafnas, second baseman for the Camp Darby, Italy, gives it his all at the 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe small unit championship softball tournament here Aug. 5. The Camp Darby Lions beat the Royal Air Force Fairford Falcons 30-16 in the championship round.

Sports Briefs

Weightlifting tourney

A bench press competition takes place Aug. 19 at noon in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Categories include light, middle and heavyweight classes for men and women. The cost is \$10, and prizes are awarded to first-place winners in each category. Registration deadline is Monday. Call Juergen Stockemer at 452-6634 to register.

Barons football

The Bitburg High School football team begins practice Aug. 22 at 3:30 p.m. at the high school. Athletes who intend to play need a current physical and medical power of attorney in order to participate. A meeting for players' parents takes place Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the BHS gymnasium. For details, e-mail Coach Mike Laue at mike.laue@eu.dodea.edu.

Dance, gymnastics registration

Youth interested in dance and gymnastics can sign up for classes Monday through Aug. 30 at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center or the Bitburg Annex Teen Center. Dance and gymnastics classes are offered for children 20 months and older in the parent/tot program. There are also adult combo classes for dance, while gymnastics offers team competition levels. For more information, call Sally Fuller at 452-7546.

Wanted: varsity volleyball players

The Spangdahlem AB volleyball team needs male and female players for their upcoming season. Players must be experienced and the team travels to Air Force and Army bases around Europe. For details, call Staff Sgt. Andres Rodriguez at 452-5383 or 452-5363.

Wanted: soccer, flag football officials

The youth soccer and flag football teams need people to officiate games Sept. 15 through Oct. 30. The games will

be played at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex soccer fields, and certification and training will be provided. The deadline to apply is Aug. 25. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bell at 452-9495, 06561-94-5079 or 0160-966-85014.

Cheerleading camp

Kaiserslautern High School is sponsoring a Universal Cheer Association cheerleading camp Sept. 2-4. The camp is a DoDDS-E sanctioned event and is open to all prospective high school cheerleaders in Europe. The cost is \$95, payable at the door. Participants will learn cheers, sideline chants, dances, partner stunts and safety techniques. For details, call Jane Varalli at 489-7541 or Karen Seadore at 338-7470.

Eifel swim team

The Eifel Sharks swim team is looking for swimmers for the upcoming season. Swimmers should have some swimming experience and be between the ages of 6-18. A swim team meeting takes place Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Teen Center. For details, call Donald and Sherry Odom at 06575-901213, or Glenn and Donna Turnbull at 06561-695512.

Running club

Get in the running with the running club. They meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. and hit the streets to stay in shape. There will be 10 races in the season -- nine 5K and one 10K. The cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required. For details, call the fitness club at 452-6496.

Tai Chi classes

The health and wellness center offers Tai Chi Quan classes Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the HAWC yoga room. Tai Chi is for people interested in

inward martial arts, meditation in movement and relaxation. For details, call Klaus van den Boom at 452-7233.

Fitness equipment training

Training classes for the proper use of fitness equipment in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center take place Fridays at 9 a.m. free of charge. Call 452-6634 for details.

Martial arts

♦ Kuk Sool Won covers Asian fighting techniques and body conditioning, as well as mental development and traditional weapons training. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and Fridays from 5-7 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. For details, call Sean Heard at 452-6193.

♦ An Aikido class takes place at the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. The instructor is Brent Silva. For details, call the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center at 452-6634.

Massage, personal trainer

People interested in massage therapy can call Alwine Ramirez at 06574-900300 or Megan Guy at 06563-962534. Those in need of a personal trainer can call Suzanne Mann at 0170-2175208.

Fat tire spectacular

The 20th annual Fat Tire Spectacular bicycle race takes place at Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Keans Lodge Am Esel, Garmisch. Race number issue is Sept. 9 from 5-7 p.m. at Keans Lodge. Registration takes place at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, Garmisch. Pre-registration is \$18 or 15 euro; late registration is \$24 or 20 euro. Call 08821-9444104 for details.